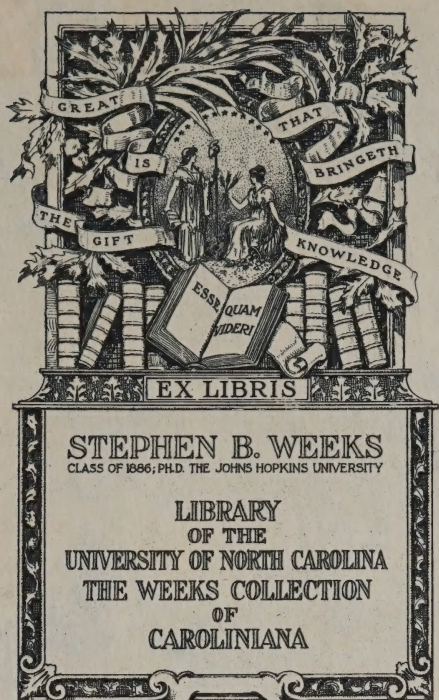


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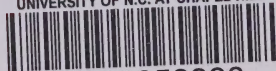
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR WAKE COUNTY, N. C. ***

FOR THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR ENDING JUNE
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ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Board of School Directors for Wake County, N. C.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with sec. 42, of Public School Laws of North Carolina, the following report is made, including the scholastic year commencing July 1, 1899, and ending June 30, 1900:

EXAMINATIONS MADE AND CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

WHITE RACE.

Examinations.—Males 52, females 60; certificates granted—First grades: Males 38, females 50; second grades—males 12, females 6; failures—Males 2, females 4.

COLORED RACE.

Examinations—Males 56, females 47; certificates granted—first grades: males 12, females 0; second grades: males 22, females 12; failures—males 22, females 35.

REPORT BY TOWNSHIPS.

BARTON'S CREEK.

White Race.

Males 221, females 189, total 410; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 130, females enrolled 115, total 245; average attendance $141\frac{1}{2}$; average length of schools 83 1-6 days.

Colored Race.

Males 147, females 142, total 289; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 81, females enrolled 92, total 173; average attendance $103\frac{1}{3}$; average length of schools 99 days.

BUCKHORN.

White Race.

Males 77, females 74, total 151; districts 2; schools taught 2; males enrolled 49, females enrolled 51, total 100; average attendance $52\frac{1}{2}$; average length of schools 103 days.

Colored Race.

Males 78, females 79, total 157; districts 2; schools taught 2; males enrolled 44, females enrolled 48, total 92; average attendance 34; average length of schools 78 days.

CARY.

White Race.

Males 167, females 154, total 321; districts 2; schools taught 2; males enrolled 112, females enrolled 92, total 204; average attendance 130; average length of schools 99 days.

Colored Race.

Males 85, females 104, total 189; districts 2; schools taught 2; males enrolled 127, females enrolled 55, total 172; average attendance $90\frac{1}{4}$; average length of schools 99 days.

CEDAR FORK.

White Race.

Males 110, females 130, total 241; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 83, females enrolled 91, total 174; average attendance 109; average length of schools 80 days.

Colored Race.

Males 67, females 82, total 149; districts 2; schools taught 2; males enrolled 33, females enrolled 57, total 90; average attendance 36; average length of schools 80 days.

HOLLY SPRINGS.

White Race.

Males 193, females 172, total 365; districts 6; schools

taught 6; males enrolled 139, females enrolled 136, total 275; average attendance 161; average length of schools 84 1-3 days.

Colored Race.

Males 112, females 149, total 261; districts 3; schools taught 3; males enrolled 75, females enrolled 112, total 187; average attendance 128; average length of schools 95 2-3 days.

HOUSE CREEK.

White Race.

Males 211, females 213, total 424; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 122, females enrolled 126, total 248; average attendance 152; average length of schools 88 1-3 days.

Colored Race.

Males 270, females 302, total 572; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 170, females enrolled 211, total 381; average attendance 233; average length of schools 95½ days.

LITTLE RIVER.

White Race.

Males 291, females 231, total 522; districts 7; schools taught 7; males enrolled 209, females enrolled 179, total 388; average attendance 251; average length of schools 81 days.

Colored Race.

Males 174, females 173, total 347; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 170, females enrolled 145, total 315; average attendance 190; average length of schools 78 days.

MARK'S CREEK.

White Race.

Males 230, females 224, total 454; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 208, females enrolled 154, total 362; average attendance 274; average length of schools 80 2-3 days.

Colored Race.

Males 156, females 158, total 314; districts 5; schools taught 5; males enrolled 101, females enrolled 131, total 233; average attendance 136; average length of schools 88 days.

MIDDLE CREEK.

White Race.

Males 240, females 212, total 452; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 154, females enrolled 146, total 300; average attendance 175; average length of schools 93 days.

Colored Race.

Males 129, females 112, total 241; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 77, females enrolled 90, total 167; average attendance 100; average length of schools 100½ days.

NEUSE RIVER.

White Race.

Males 59, females 57, total 116; districts 3; schools taught 3; males enrolled 60, females enrolled 52, total 112; average attendance 73; average length of schools 95 1-3 days.

Colored Race.

Males 159, females 163, total 322; districts 3; schools taught 3; males enrolled 120, females enrolled 119, total 239; average attendance 105; average length of schools 96 2-3 days.

NEW LIGHT.

White Race.

Males 237, females 247, total 484; districts 7; schools taught 7; males enrolled 149, females enrolled 160, total 272; average attendance 164½; average length of schools 89¾ days.

Colored Race.

Males 93, females 97, total 190; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 116, females enrolled 97, total 193; average attendance 114; average length of schools 85 days.

OAK GROVE.

White Race.

Males 138, females 97, total 235; districts 3; schools taught 3; males enrolled 77, females enrolled 52, total 129; average attendance 82; average length of schools 94 1-3 days.

Colored Race.

Males 61, females 58, total 119; districts 2; schools taught 2; males enrolled 49, females enrolled 51, total 100; average attendance 59; average length of schools 75 days.

PANTHER BRANCH.

White Race.

Males 208, females 188, total 396; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 141, females enrolled 139, total 280; average attendance 172; average length of schools 83 days.

Colored Race.

Males 107, females 104, total 211; districts 3; schools taught 3; males enrolled 77, females enrolled 96, total 173; average attendance 90; average length of schools 82 2-3 days.

ST. MARY'S

White Race.

Males 245, females 222, total 467; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 153, females enrolled 151, total 304; average attendance 204; average length of schools 102½ days.

Colored Race.

Males 266, females 252, total 518; districts 6; schools taught 6; males enrolled 170, females enrolled 217, total 387; average attendance 239; average length of schools 102 2-3 days.

ST. MATTHEW'S.

White Race.

Males 130, females 126, total 256; districts 5; schools

taught 5; males enrolled 86, females enrolled 82, total 168; average attendance 104; average length of schools 82 days.

Colored Race.

Males 249, females 191, total 440; districts 5; schools taught 5; males enrolled 164, females enrolled 137, total 301; average attendance 209; average length of schools 82 4-5 days.

SWIFT CREEK.

White Race.

Males 237, females 232, total 469; districts 7; schools taught 7; males enrolled 162, females enrolled 164, total 326; average attendance 216; average length of school 72 days.

Colored Race.

Males 109, females 145, total 253; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 134, females enrolled 177, total 311; average attendance 174; average length of schools 70 days.

WAKE FOREST.

White Race.

Males 219, females 213, total 432; districts 5; schools taught 5; males enrolled 134, females enrolled 137, total 271; average attendance 185; average length of schools 99 days.

Colored Race.

Males 400, females 357, total 757; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 358, females enrolled 318, total 676; average attendance 383; average length of schools 118 days.

WHITE OAK.

White Race.

Males 321, females 322, total 643; districts 8; schools taught 7; males enrolled 191, females enrolled 156, total 347; average attendance 212; average length of schools 77 days.

Colored Race.

Males 133, females 116, total 249; districts 4; schools taught 4; males enrolled 104, females enrolled 91, total 195; average attendance 117; average length of schools 78 days.

RALEIGH.

White Race.

Males 1,480, females 1,435, total 2,915; districts 7; schools taught 7; males enrolled 722, females enrolled 789, total 1,511; average attendance 1,001; average length of schools 160 days.

Colored Race.

Males 1,660, females 1,650, total 3,310; districts . . ; schools taught . . ; males enrolled 690, females enrolled 728, total 1,418; average attendance 844; average length of schools 160 days.

RECAPITULATION.

White children in the county outside of Raleigh Township 6,828, colored children 5,478; white children enrolled 4,405, being about 65 per cent; colored children enrolled 4,305, being about 78½ per cent. White children in Raleigh Township 2,915, colored children 3,310; white children enrolled 1,511, being about 51½ per cent; colored children enrolled 1,418, being about 42.2-3 per cent. White children in the entire county 9,743, colored children 8,788; white children enrolled 5,916, being about 61 per cent; colored children enrolled 5,723, being about 65 per cent. The average length of schools outside of Raleigh Township was: white race 87½ days, colored race 88¾ days; in Raleigh Township, both races 160 days; average length in the entire county 92 days; average attendance outside of Raleigh Township, white race 2,838, colored race 2,540; average attendance in Raleigh Township, white race 1,001, colored race 844; average attendance in the entire county, white race 3,839, colored race

3,384. Number of schools in the entire county, white race 103, colored race 73; average price of teachers, white race, males \$32.25, females \$28.50; colored race, males \$29.00, females \$22.50.

TEACHERS.

A large majority of the teachers have been faithful and efficient. They are the forces that have made the schools in Wake County a success. The gratitude of every heart in the county should go out to them; for theirs is large work for little pay. Of the white teachers outside of Raleigh Township twenty-five were graduates of the best colleges in the State.

TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEEMEN.

The Township School Trustees have shown commendable zeal in their efforts, for men who receive no pay. The committeemen have generally been very faithful. Some of them, however, of the colored race, are incompetent, not being able to read and write. It is quite a mistake for the trustees to appoint anyone as committeeman who can not read and write.

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

The members of the Board have put forth faithful efforts to give the people of the county efficient schools. None have assisted the Superintendent in his arduous duties more than they. The Treasurer and the Attorney of the Board have neglected no duties in their branches of the school work.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS.

Under the limited time given in the school law to do the work, it has been impossible to visit more than about sixty schools. The law should be so changed as to make it possible to visit every school in the county each year. Nothing generates more enthusiasm in the school room than an expected visit from the Superintendent.

THE FUTURE OUTLOOK.

When it is taken into consideration that the enrollment in the county, outside of Raleigh Township, was 747 more than it was last year, and that the average term in the county was 92 days, and the school fund has to its credit, left over from the scholastic year, \$8,763.13, which, if it had been used, would have increased the term about ten days, who will say that the educational future of the county is not brightening?

The old-time prejudice against public education has given way year by year until now there is no force of opposition able to hold in check the progress that is being made. Other educational forces are standing side by side with the public schools. For the white race in Wake County, there are eight academies, making terms of from eight to nine months. There are two male and three female colleges, with faculties equal to the best. For the colored race there are three colleges doing good work.

If you eliminate from the census roll of the white race in the county outside of Raleigh Township those who have completed their education, and those who are in colleges and other schools, you will find, from the best estimation that can be made, only about 4 per cent of the children whose educational wants are not being cared for; and outside of Raleigh Township, you will find of the white race, between the ages of 8 and 21 years, according to the best estimate, only about 5 per cent who can not read and write. Thus it may be seen that the educational outlook in the county is indicative of a bright future.

With gratitude to God for His blessings upon the educational work of the year, and an earnest desire that He will continue them in the future, we enter upon the duties of the new scholastic year with renewed zeal.

Very respectfully,

W. G. CLEMENTS,
Superintendent of Schools.

Raleigh, N. C., July 9, 1900.

